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**NUSA ANNOUNCES KEYNOTE SPEAKER FOR NATIONAL
CONFERENCE**

Ellen W. Lazar Named NUSA 2003 Conference Keynoter

CHATTANOOGA, TN Ellen W. Lazar has been named as the Keynote Speaker for the NUSA 2003 Conference on Neighborhood Concerns taking place in Chattanooga, Tennessee on May 21-24, 2003. She brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to this year's conference format.

Presently, Ellen W. Lazar is the executive director of Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation in Washington, DC. Neighborhood Reinvestment is a public, nonprofit corporation established by Act of Congress in 1978 (P.L. 95-557) to promote reinvestment in older neighborhoods by local financial institutions in cooperation with the community, residents and local government.

Before moving to Neighborhood Reinvestment, Ms. Lazar, who is trained as a lawyer, was director of the U.S. Treasury Department's Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Fund. She was appointed CDFI Fund director in 1997 by Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin. The fund was created to expand the availability of credit, investment capital and financial services in distressed urban and rural communities. As director, she expanded the fund's scope and outreach, and strengthened its congressional support.

Ms. Lazar is extensively involved in the community and with a variety of nonprofit organizations, including serving on the boards of The Duke Ellington School of the Arts, Nonprofit Finance Fund, Homes for America, and the National Fund for Enterprise Development.

Ms. Lazar is a graduate of Queens College of the City University of New York, and of the Indiana University School of Law at Bloomington.